

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 303, State Capitol Building
January 27, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Chad E. Bennion, Co-Chairman
Sen. Ed Mayne
Sen. John Valentine
Rep. Eli Anderson
Rep. Mike Morley
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Peggy Wallace

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Ty McCartney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Leonard Blackham
Rep. Katherine M. Bryson

STAFF PRESENT: Stan Eckersley, Fiscal Analyst
Debbie Headden, Fiscal Analyst
Barbara Hilbert, Committee Secretary

VISITORS LIST: Attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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Rep. Chad Bennion called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Rep. Bennion stated that we would begin with the preliminary voting on the FY 2004 Public Service Commission (PSC) budget and address additional motions or discussions. Rep. Bennion asked the committee if there were any questions of staff, or representatives from the PSC, to ask at this time.

MOTION: Senator Jenkins moved that the Public Service Commission Budget be amended to include the following intent language to the Administration Budget, Line Item VCA:

"It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be non-lapsing"

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine and Rep. Anderson absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the preliminary FY 2004 Public Service Commission Budget recommendations, as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Valentine and Rep. Anderson absent for the vote.

Fiscal Analyst, Debbie Headden, presented the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) funding analysis. She further explained some options to allow for the proposed budget increases and reallocation of existing base budgets for FY 2004 based on availability of new revenues.

The Analyst recommends the prior year intent language found on page 24 regarding Budget Requests be changed to the intent language on page 15 addressing the timeliness of financial reports and budget requests.

The Analyst recommends exclusion of the prior year intent language regarding the enrollment funding mechanism (page 15) because the study was completed during the 2002 interim.

The Analyst recommends the intent language for Custom Fit funding (page 19) be included in FY 2004.

The Analyst recommends the intent language from the prior year for the study of tuition issues be included in FY 2004 (page 21).

The Analyst recommends the intent language for a study of the most appropriate placement of applied technology education (page 22) be included in FY 2004.

The following prior year intent language was recommended to be excluded in FY 2004 on Proportionate Allocation of Budget Reductions (page 23).

MOTION: Rep. Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Philpot absent for the vote.

Prior to discussion of their budget to the Committee, Fiscal Analyst, Stan Eckersley, administered the oath to UCAT President Gregory Fitch and Brad Mortensen, UCAT/Utah System of Higher Education (USHE).

President Fitch thanked the Analyst for the foresight in preparing the budget. President Fitch discussed the handouts he distributed and then responded to the budget options given by the Analyst (handouts on file). President Fitch was assisted in the presentation by Brad Mortensen. A discussion was held on the concept design for UCAT funding formula.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Philpot absent for the vote.

Rep. Chad Bennion adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.